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Cliff—Jared is out of the country this week, so I wanted to offer my thoughts. Region 9's staffing and expertise in this area are quite limited, and we have had to redirect resources internally to cover additional work on CA's oil and gas UIC program. Beyond that, to address projected work to review new aquifer exemptions, we advertised for a one-year detail from within the EPA Regional office and other parts of EPA and had very limited interest. We were able to secure a commitment from EPA HQ to provide us with someone for about 6 months starting in June to support EPA's role in reviewing and acting on aquifer exemptions proposed by the State. We also have access to some national contract assistance to support our aquifer exemption reviews. We had indicated to DOGGR last year our intent to redirect the \$500,000 we typically provide them to an EPA contract, overseen by EPA staff, to obtain technical assistance with aquifer exemption processing; some of that will support EPA's role and, while different from your request for a staff loan to DOGGR, we remain open to using this available contract to assist the State. David Albright or Michele Dermer are our points of contact. Jane

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Hi Jared

DOGGR & the Water Board are hard at work implementing their compliance plan on the UIC program and exempt aquifers. Question for you: are there any folks in Region IX's water program who EPA might consider loaning to DOGGR on a 6-12 month detail to help with this?

Thanks

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